





# Observer & Reporter

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## The Big Sandy Railroad.

Although there is a little game of "now you see it, and now you don't" going on about the Big Sandy Railroad, we believe it will yet be built as certain as that Lexington exists. We must have it; and what we must have we will have. Our City Councilmen, for reasons which they deem just and valid, have declined the application of the Elizabethtown, Lexington and Big Sandy Railroad Company for the \$250,000 subscription of Lexington to the capital stock of said road. As there is a wide difference of opinion as to the propriety of the Council's action, we publish to-day the whole proceedings in regard to it that all may have a fair chance to rightly weigh the whole subject and make up a fair opinion. In the meanwhile, as we know how large a share of public interest will be exhibited in this exceedingly important matter, and how much it will be discussed in the papers, we will take a little rest that we may be able to go through the siege. We are for that road, and so is Lexington and Fayette county.

## How Is This?

Hon. Cassius M. Clay made a speech in Richmond, Kentucky, last Monday, in which he took strong and decided grounds against Grant and the present administration; unqualifiedly favored universal amnesty and advised the negroes that if they would be prosperous and happy, they must act upon their late masters and cease to stand upon the ridiculous and totally unfounded hope of ever being their social equals. When a man like Mr. Clay, with all his peculiar political tenets that he has held for so long, takes the stand that he has taken, it affords one of the most significant signs of the times, and still further confirms the rapidly growing opinion that the days of Radicalism are numbered. Mr. Clay seeing at last, that the course of the Radical party is certain if persevered in, to entirely ruin the country, lifts his voice against it, and no little credit is due him for it; but his decided and manly expressions will fall like a wet blanket upon the Radicals of Kentucky, who had been confidently expecting him to stomp the State in their behalf. They had better profit by his example, and reassert their manhood and their dignity before it is eternally too late.

## Tripodical.

The Lexington newspapers are always furnishing the public with something fresh. Mr. Owsley Goodloe, who has conducted the editorial department of the Statesman with so much ability, has retired from the health-debilitating duties of the "tripod," to give place to Col. Wm. Cassius Goodloe and Mr. L. P. Tarleton, Jr. Our best wishes go, with the retiring editor, May the fearful cry of "copy!" never again greet his ears. "May he live long and prosper." We extend the heartiest compliments of the season to his successors, and wish that they also may "live long and prosper." A distinct and valuable and beautiful breed inhabiting principally the North of Devon," &c. "The Alderney, with her crumpled horn, is found on the Southern coast." And "the polled or hornless cattle prevail in Suffolk and Norfolk, and in Galloway whence they were first derived, and hence their name."

## Another Valuable Letter.

How much interest the farmers throughout the country are taking in the Agricultural Observer and Reporter, may be inferred from the number of interesting and instructive letters we are constantly receiving from them. We hope they will keep the good practice up and continue to let us hear from them, for the Observer is what it professes to be, the farmers' friend and the farmers' organ. To-day we publish the first of a short series of valuable letters from the pen of that experienced Kentucky cattle-raiser and able writer, John Allen Gano, Sr., which will be read with both profit and pleasure.

## The Crop Report.

We clip a few interesting facts from the monthly report of the Department of Agriculture. In regard to corn, the estimates of product for the past years, have rarely indicated a year near approach to a full crop. From a preliminary calculation on local returns from seven hundred and forty-nine counties, the product of this year is made to exceed 1,100,000,000. This would give about twenty-eight bushels per acre this year upon the assumed acreage, 36,000,000, against twenty-three and a half bushels upon a little more than 37,000,000 acres last year. Returns indicate a larger product of sorghum than last year.

The tobacco crop is comparatively large, and the estimate of the year will aggregate, at least, 300,000,000 pounds. They say it is less in quantity than that of 1869 by about 15 per cent. The estimate will go above 20,000,000 tons, which is little more than the product of 1869. The quality is superior to such a degree as nearly to make good the loss in quantity. The production of the year in potatoes is little more than four-fifths of the preceding, and the aggregate estimate will not vary much from the total number of bushels in 1869—111,000,000, which will afford to each inhabitant four-fifths

of the supply of the year. The sweet potato crop has been a large one, nearly every State showing a more than average yield. Buckwheat is a somewhat smaller crop than the preceding one, the loss being in the New England and Middle States. The flax crop will average rather better than last year. Accounts of fall sown wheat and rye are generally favorable. The condition of wheat at this date is somewhat above the average.

What a blessing the completion of the Mount Cenis Tunnel will be to sensation-hungry people. They will ride over it. An eight miles ride through the heart of the Alps, in utter darkness, or darkness so nearly utter that it will be darkness visible, will be rather a gloomy and disagreeable journey, but thousands of people from all parts of the world will go to experience it, just so soon as it will be available. They will try "the latest thing out," or die in the attempt.

Advices from Georgia state that Attorney-General Aikman has fled to the Mountains of Hepsidam, where the lion roareth and the whangdoodle mourneth over the defeat of his first born (the Election bill), but that Senator Cameron is on his way to Washington with his pockets full of affidavits to induce Congress to upset the great Democratic victory.

## THE SHORT-HORNED CATTLE.

### How to Preserve its Purity and Vigor.

(To the Editor of the Observer and Reporter.)

In view of the widely extended interest in this noble and valuable race of cattle, the rapidity with which they have established themselves in many of the States of the Union, as superior to all other, the writer has concluded it might not be amiss to prepare for the press a few papers with reference to this highly prized breed of cattle. My chief objects shall be to vindicate their claim to a high antiquity as a distinct and superior race; to show their peculiarities and chief excellences; then to consider how these may be best secured in order to its perpetuation and highest improvement. If I can in a good measure succeed in this, I shall afford to all a sure test of pedigrees by which they may be greatly secured against impostures. To remove some prejudice at the outset, should any exist, and to secure a fair and candid consideration of the facts and figures I shall present, I will here ask: Were I to assert the very great antiquity, the peculiarity, distinctness and superiority of the Caucasian race of men, would my readers weigh my facts and proofs uncandidly? Certainly not. But to our subject; and first, of the great antiquity and well authenticated superiority of the Short-Horns. Deriving our American Short-Horns from the British Isles, we must go to the history of cattle of this remarkable breed, as given by her writers, in order to reach as far as we may in the distant past for our knowledge of them. Youatt, an English writer of celebrity, informs us on the 19th page of his work that the various breeds of British cattle "have been very conveniently classed, according to the comparative size of the horns, into long-horns from Lancashire; the short-horns from East York originally; the middle-horns, not derived from a mixture of the two preceding, but a distinct and valuable and beautiful breed inhabiting principally the North of Devon," &c. "The Alderney, with her crumpled horn, is found on the Southern coast." And "the polled or hornless cattle prevail in Suffolk and Norfolk, and in Galloway whence they were first derived, and hence their name."

The same writer, on page 226 of the same work, thus writes: "From the earliest periods, as to which we have any accounts of our breeds of cattle, the counties of Durham and York have been celebrated for their short-horns, but principally in the first instance on account of their reputation as extraordinary milkers." "The author of the American Farmers' Encyclopedia, referring to the same source of information, says on page 291 under the head of 'The Short-Horns'—Durham and Yorkshire have for ages been celebrated for a breed of these possessing extraordinary value as milkers." A well-informed American writer tells us: "The short-horns as a race, distinct in their character of excellence and individuality; are as ancient as any breed of cattle now existing in England." (Vol. 1, Am. Herd Book, page 35.) On the next page (36) he continues: "To the banks of the river Tees, separating the counties of Durham and York, reference is to be had for an account of the originals of the improved short-horns. There in 1740 existed a breed of cattle, for a description of which the author (Mr. H. Berry) is indebted to an old and celebrated breeder, in colour resembling what is called the improved breed of the present day, except that the fashionable roan was not quite so prevalent. They are described in general character also, to have differed very little from their descendants. Possessing a fine mellow touch, good hair, light colour, particularly white carcasses and deep forequarters, they also justly celebrated for extraordinary profit (tallow) when slaughtered. Several spirited individuals, at that early period, had devoted much attention to the improvement of the breed of cattle then prevailing in the counties of Durham and York, and amongst others Sir William St. Quintin, of Scampston, imported bulls and cows from Holland. We have heard it asserted that this stock (referring to the Holland cattle), was originally sent

from England to Holland, near two centuries ago, as a present by James II. to William, Prince of Orange, then Stadtholder, at the time of his marriage with his daughter. From this produce, a century after, Sir William St. Quintin and others made their importations. They were originally pure white, and it is this tribe which is supposed to have marked the short-horn families generally, and not the wild cattle of Chillingworth Park, as asserted by Mr. Youatt in his work on British cattle; for these last have a white, brittle horn, a dull, sluggish, ferocious eye and other characteristics, totally different from any well bred short-horn." Same book, p. 37, quoting Am. Ag., 1842, vol. 1, p. 161: As early as 1740 "Mr. Millbank devoted his attention to this branch of rural economy." His success as a breeder of short-horns may be known by the following facts: "A five-year old ox, bred and fed by this gentleman, weighed when slaughtered, the four quarters, 2,100 pounds net, and tallow 224 pounds. A cow also, bred from his stock, the property of Mr. Sharter, of Chilton, slaughtered when twelve years old, having produced several calves, weighed upwards of 1,540 pounds net. This cow was the daughter of the Old Studley Bull, one of the most celebrated ancestors of the improved short-horns. He was the grand sire of Dalton Duke, bred by Mr. Charge." From him also descended William and Richard Barker's and Mr. Hill's bulls, all animals of the highest reputation in their day."

Sir James Penniman may also be named as a distinguished breeder of short-horns at that very early period. "The family of the Aislies, the then residents of Studley Park (in Yorkshire), had very fine cattle in the seventeenth century (A. D. 16—) Sir William St. Quintin drew some of his best blood from this source." [Ibid., p. 38. Not to mention many of the numerous breeders of that distant period, we add (on page 37, same book), "The Smithsons, of Stanwix, in Northumberland, bred good short-horns in 1640." In a note on the same page the author says: "In a private conversation with him, since his return from England, Mr. Allen (A. B.) informed us that he was told, while in Durham, that an ancient record now in that county, showed the short-horns as existing there in great excellence four hundred years ago."

"Great antiquity is claimed for some of the stock in Northumberland, and as early as 1770 Mr. Dickson, and probably others, had cattle that were famous milkers, and much resembled in other particulars the short-horns of the present day, being quick feeders and good handlers. We might enlarge on this subject and prove that the short-horns are an ancient and superior race. It is undeniable throughout Great Britain that when the good-milking and quick-feeding qualities of any breed of cattle are sought to be improved, the short-horns are universally resorted to, and when properly selected, always with marked success. We saw these crosses in infinite number on the cattle of Ireland, Scotland, England and Jersey, and the colors and forms of the short-horns immediately stamped themselves upon the produce and predominated, which is proof indisputable, if other were wanting, of their great antiquity and long high breeding." We have then given us on pages 40 and 41 of the same work, a record of sixteen short-horns, males and females, with the names of breeders and feeders, that were slaughtered at that early period, the weight of which varied according to age, time of feeding, &c., from 1,330 pounds, a three-years old steer, up to 2,362 pounds, a seven-years old steer; and from 1,260 pounds, a three-year old heifer, descended from the Old Studley Bull, up to 1,540 pounds, a five-year old heifer, bred by the Bishop of Durham. "Thus much for the Tees-water short-horns, the originals of the improved short-horns." [Ibid.]

Let the reader here bear in mind that all we have quoted and written is with reference to the short-horns as they were before the days of the Collings, Robert and Charles, and their operations with short-horn cattle. Enough has certainly been presented to establish beyond a doubt the high antiquity of the short-horns, as a distinct and superior race of cattle.

## ESCAPE OF FORTY CONVICTS.

(From the Nashville Banner.)

For some time a considerable number of convicts of our State prison have been employed in mining coal at the Battle Creek Mines, six miles below Jasper, on the Jasper Branch railroad. On Monday morning last they all, forty-one in number, marched out the stockade as usual to enter the mines for the day. They were all provided with picks, and were guarded by six well-armed men. After entering the mine they suddenly and without a word of warning turned upon the guard, knocked them over with their picks, and rushed out. One was shot dead, and, forty fled in a body to Jones' creek, at the Alabama line, three miles below. Then they separated, some going into Alabama, some to the mountains, some one way and some another. Only one was yet captured. The whole country around the mines is aroused, and a large number of citizens are in pursuit. It is likely that all will be recaptured.

The oldest stove probably in the United States is the one which warms the hall of Virginia's Capitol, in Richmond. It was made in England and sent to Richmond in 1770, and warmed the House of Burgesses for sixty years before it was removed to its present location, where it has been for thirty years. It has survived three British monarchs; has been consigned to three republics, two empires and two imperial governments of France.

## CARRIERS' ADDRESS.

January 1, 1871.

I, the luminous Palace of Time, A. D. 1871, the line has been torn! In his honor the grand festival hall is open—on midnight till dawn—That the Poet, the Priest, the Monarch, the Sage, and the Seer May bring glad myth and frankincense! Rich offerings to the young Year.

II. H! hither, Spirit of Beauty!—Come, thou, the line has been torn! Draw near, O! I would fain see thee! Sweet Love and Joy leading along: Bring with you fresh flowers of fancy, As fair as the snow-flakes that fall—Come deck me with jewels and graces, For I go to this banqueting hall.

III. All things that have grandeur and glory—All words full of music and light—All thoughts rich in sweetness and pathos, I would have for this banquet to-night. An exquisite crystalline chalice I'd brim with the soul's richest wine, And dissolve, in my draught to the Prince, A pearl that would make me divine!

IV. THE music of echoes and fountains—The music of birds and of streams, I would wake, in Time's mystical temple, As sweet as such sounds in my dreams. I would sing with the breath of the south-wind, As it sweeps o'er some reddent lea, Or borrow the song of the shell, as it sighs for its home by the sea.

V. WOULD sing in such minstrel-like measures As the stars, on that marvelous morn, When the work of Creation was finished And Time, of Eternity, born, For anthems of rapture must ring there, The deep sound the depths of death: The gladdest and saddest emotions Must mingle, to-night, in a leath.

VI. ND while touching traditions are told Of many a long-vanished year, The tales of the last I would gather, And trace them all with a tear, For anthems of rapture must ring there, The deep sound the depths of death: The gladdest and saddest emotions Must mingle, to-night, in a leath.

VII. I'RD tell thee of the beautiful Rhine-land, Of heart pierced, and drained of rich blood; Softly sigh the fair face of France, Stained crimson beneath the dark hood; Then turning to Italy's borders—Sweet "child of the sun and the sea"—With heart and voice joined in a chorus Shout—Thank God! the long-fettered is free!

VIII. UT, oh! should I wait for my tones—And hushed 'e'en my shout for the free—Should I mend my voice, 'ocean divide, The best names of Deities and Lax: Oh! names rich in honor and glory, Oh! names to their nations so dear—Their fame shall go down to all ages—Their worth e'er be told with a tear!

IX. OR both, with a Christ-like compassion, Worked well for the World's greatest weak Each atom, with the strength of his manhood, Its wrongs, woes, and wounds to help heal! The pen, with its "Mystery" emboldened, Shall silently speak from the grave; The sword, with its history emboldened, E'er tell of the noble and brave!

X. O the Infinite God of all good, My soul would ascend in a prayer, Bearing back the sweet boon of His peace To all sadly cumbered with care. The weary and desolate-hearted, With honest work and true league—The happy, the free and light-hearted Meet gladly and greet with a smile.

XI. THUS, telling the tales of the Old Year, And crowning the New Year with song, Would I go to Time's mystical temple And join with the worshipful throng. Then come to me, Spirit of Beauty! Oh, Men, with Music unite, Come, deck me with jewels and graces Ere I go to this hall of delight. Give an exquisite crystalline chalice To brim with the soul's richest wine, And I'll drop in my draught to the Year, A pearl that will make it divine!

## A ROMANCE OF THE EAST.

How a Beautiful White Girl Became the Slave of Two Black Women, and then the Wife of Count Benedetti.

Louise Muhlbach, in her "Letters from Egypt," tells a very romantic story about the wife of Count Benedetti, the French Minister Plenipotentiary at the Prussian court before the outbreak of the present war. A very rich Greek merchant, resident in Alexandria, had two black wives, whom he loved dearly, and for whose service he provided a large retinue of beautiful girls. One of his wives, one day, chanced to see a charming white girl, and was so pleased with her that she coaxed her husband into buying her. The beautiful slave became a confidential servant and companion to her negro mistress, and conducted herself about the wife of Count Benedetti, in the confidence and continued patronage of my old friends and customers. de31-37 sawtf

## NOTICE.

IN retiring from the hardware trade, I cheerfully recommend my successor, Mr. A. J. Campbell, to the confidence and continued patronage of my old friends and customers. de31-37 sawtf

## New Hardware Store.

HAVING purchased the stock of the late firm of White & Campbell, I will continue the business at the old stand,

No. 66 East Main St., (Old-Fellows' Temple.)

and will keep on hand a full stock of everything in the Hardware line.

A. J. CAMPBELL. de31-37 sawtf

## County Clerk's Notice.

FAYETTE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE, (January 1, 1871.)

My Fee Bills are now made out. Please call and settle at once.

ALLIE G. HUNT, Clerk. de31-37 sawtf

## WEDDING PRINTING.

### WEDDING INVITATIONS, VISITING CARDS, DESIGNS, ENGRAVING, and ILLUMINATING OF MONOGRAMS.

A CHOICE stock of Ready Initialed Paper always on hand. Our work is STRICTLY FIRST-CLASS in every respect, and our styles will always be found to be the latest. Popular Prices.

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## CANDIDATES.

We are authorized to announce D. HOWARD SMITH, of Owen county, as a candidate for election as Auditor, subject to the action of the Democratic State Convention. de31-37

We are authorized to announce JAMES L. ALLEN, of Boyle, as a candidate for Lieutenant Governor of Kentucky, subject to the decision of the Democratic Convention. de31-37

## MEETINGS.

Stockholders' Meeting. There will be an annual meeting of the stockholders in the Winchester and Lexington Turnpike Road, at the School-house, opposite the nine-mile post on said road, on the second Saturday in January next, for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year. Done by order of the President. de31-37

## STRAYED OR STOLEN.

STOLEN—DOG—A Shet-land-colored and white. A liberal reward will be given for its recovery. Inquire at this office. de31-37

STRAYED—MARE—From the subscriber, three miles from Lexington, on the Cincinnati pike, near New Year's night, a large, light gray mare with dock tail and mane. Any one delivering her to me will be liberally rewarded. JAMES COLEMAN, (of color.) de31-37

STRAYED—HORSES—From the undersigned, living at Catfish Hill, on Mr. Jesse Bryant's place, on Monday, Dec. 26, 1870, two Horses—one bay, white face, with three white feet, and short tail; the other a roan, no marks recollected. Also, a bay mare, Col. escaped at the same time with the horse. A liberal reward will be paid for information that will lead to their recovery. Information can be had at Karsner's Stable, on Lexington street. de31-37

STRAYED OR STOLEN—HEIFER—From the subscriber, on the corner of Short and Jefferson streets, Lexington, Ky., on Wednesday, Dec. 28, a red and white spotted Heifer; short horns, top of left ear, beginning to bald, and is three years old the coming spring. A liberal reward will be given for her recovery by the undersigned. de31-37

## MISCELLANEOUS.

W. W. POLK, Practical Architect, No. 49 West Main Street, LEXINGTON, KY. de31-37

## MULES FOR SALE.

I WILL offer for sale in Lexington, Ky., on the 9th day of January, 1871.

## 100 head of Good MULES

in fine fix. T. H. FITZGERALD, Crawfordville, Ind. de31-37

## FRESH OYSTERS

Received Daily at KIDD & BRO.'S. de31-37

## DISSOLUTION.

THE partnership heretofore existing between W. C. White and A. J. Campbell, in the hardware business, is this day dissolved by mutual consent; and all liabilities, and collect all accounts due the late firm, to A. J. CAMPBELL. W. C. WHITE, A. J. CAMPBELL. Lexington, Ky., December 28, 1870.

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## CHINAWARE, &C.

### A New Stock of Goods IS BEING RECEIVED BY

## S. PRICE & CO. OF MONOGRAMS.

COMPRISING A FULL LINE OF

## CHINA, GLASS Queensware,

Dinner Sets, Tea Sets, Chamber Sets, &c.

THEY have received a very large lot of Toys, Brackets, &c. &c.

THEY WILL HAVE FOR THE

## CHRISTMAS—HOLIDAYS

A new and complete assortment of Plated Goods

Everything usually found in their line will be sold at the lowest price. Dealers are invited to examine their stock, as they offer Special Inducements to the wholesale trade.

Remember to call at S. PRICE & CO'S, de31-37

## HARDWARE.

## ADAMS & KNOBLE.

No. 5 West Main St.

## HOLIDAY PRESENTS

To be had at ADAMS & KNOBLE'S, No. 5 West Main Street.

The celebrated New York Club Stakes, at \$5 per pair. Shiraz, from \$3.75 to \$4.25 per pair. Other good patterns, from \$6 to \$2 per pair. Also, a good assortment of Pocket Knives, Scissors, and any number of handsome Christmas presents in Cutlery and Hardware. de31-37

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## NEW FALL GOODS

CHEAP AT Wholesale and Retail.

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to our business, to which we invite the attention of the trade, and guarantee our prices as

## CHEAP AS ANYWHERE IN THE COUNTRY.

## DRESS GOODS

## Shawls and Wrappings,

## White Goods,

## Hosiery & Gloves

## Cloths and Cassimeres,

## Flannels, Jeans,

## Linseys and Blankets.

Bleached and Brown Domestic, (All grades and widths.)

## STAPLE & FANCY NOTIONS

In great variety, and everything usually kept in first class Dry Goods Houses.

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Cotton, Yarns, and Hitting, Oldham & Scott's, at FACTORY PRICES.

G. H. ADAMS & CO., Wholesale and Retail Dry Goods, Notions, Clothing, 15 E. Main St., Lexington, Ky. de31-37

## CLOTHING.

## FOR THIRTY DAYS.

IN ORDER to reduce our heavy stock of WINTER CLOTHING, we shall give, for the next 30 days, unheard-of bargains. This is an opportunity for the Holidays.

Our stock to be sold consists of Overcoats, Suits, Pants and Vests for Men and Boys—new, varied and stylish, and we guarantee every article.

A trial will prove that we are sincere, and this not a mere advertising dodge. Remember, the

## "One-Price" Clothing House,

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## AMERICAN WATCHES.



## WORKS OF THE United States Watch Company,

(GILES, WALES & CO.,) MARION, N. J.

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improvement in STEAM WINDING mechanism, we claim a STRENGTH, SIMPLICITY and ECONOMY

hitherto unattained in any other manufacture, at home or abroad. Constantly on hand, full lines, all sizes, in Gold, Silver, Diamond Set and Maple Cases, Minute Repetition, Independent, 1-4, 1-8 Split and Fly-back Seconds, for taking three different times, for time

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Price-Lists furnished the trade on application, including business card. For sale by the trade generally. Ask your Jeweler to see the MARION watches.

Wholesale Warehouses, 13 MAIDEN LANE, New York, And GILES, BROTHER & CO., 142 Lake Street, Chicago, Ill.

de31-37

137 Watch No. 1089, Stem-Winder—bearing Trade-Mark—Frederic Atherton & Co., Marion, N. J., manufactured by United States Watch Co., has been carried by me from December, 1868, to January



SALES.

The following is a list of the public sales advertised in the Observer and Reporter:  
J. T. Davidson, Agent—Main-street Brick House and Lot.  
J. F. Drake & Co.—Small Farm.

BRIEF LOCALS.

Cameos are very fashionable.  
Bright and beautiful yesterday.  
Three or four colored fairs are in full blast.  
Several "open houses" in this city New Year's Day.  
The Catholic fair succeeded to the amount of \$1,200.  
Work has commenced again in the bagging factories.

We enjoyed a call from Mr. H. T. Stanton, yesterday.  
The election of City Library Directors, takes place next Saturday.

Our industrious Representative, Dr. D. L. Price, departed for Frankfort yesterday.

The Kentucky Legislature will meet in adjourned session at the State capital to-day at 12 o'clock M.  
Capt. Thos. McCann's company of State Guards will parade at Athens on Saturday, the 14th of this month.

Mr. William McCracken has again leased the stable on Short street, recently vacated by William Garrett.

"Some one should help the poor," the millionaire remarked yesterday, as he grasped his purse and—kept it in his pocket.

The last novelty is the snake or cable chain, clasp around the throat, made of the yellow gold so fashionable at present.

A number of timely and much needed contributions have been sent in to the Female Benevolent Society. Send in some more.

All the farmers will read the valuable letter on "short-horned cattle" in another column, from the pen of John A. Gano, Sr., Esq.

McMeekin has finished packing here, and Dunn will be through soon. We understand logs were sold here yesterday at \$6.50.

The beautiful New-Year's Address, in another column, was written by Miss Susie M. Wilson, whose fame as a poetess, is rapidly increasing.

The house where Henry Clay was born, near Ashland, Hanover county, Va., was destroyed by fire on Friday. It was more than a century old.

The new Mission Church, at the old city graveyard on Bolivar street, was dedicated Sunday with appropriate services. The attendance was good.

W. W. Goddard, Esq., of Mercer, writing to the Agricultural Observer, says: "I send as a New Year's gift a club of new subscribers." We tip our beaver.

Byron Lewis, aged about 15 years and son of Mr. Lewis, of this city, was found dead in his bed last Saturday morning. He had been suffering from heart disease.

If any one wants to know what kind of work is done at the Observer office, let him examine the handsome New-Year's Address, which has been distributed all over the city.

Mr. Thornton, a noted short-horn breeder from England, and also one from Canada, Mr. Bates, paid a visit to A. J. Alexander's herd last week, and were highly pleased with the stock.

"The Children's Annual," a nice little Sunday school paper, gotten up at the Apostolic Home, was distributed to the children of the Christian Sunday schools, at their Christmas entertainment.

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The San Antonio Herald learns from Fort Inge that the Indians are now making a general raid on the frontier. They crossed the Rio Grande recently, seventy-five strong, in three bands, and have been doing much damage.

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